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The mission of Girls & Gangs is to provide support and advocacy for girls and young women involved with the juvenile justice system by providing them with opportunities to envision and build successful lives.

O U R P R O G R A M S

For over twelve years, Girls & Gangs has been the only nonprofit organization in Los Angeles County who is solely dedicated to serving girls (ages 12-18) in the juvenile justice system and in gangs.

"I like this program cause it's real and we talk about real life stuff." - Desinae, 16



RE-ENTRY SERVICES

Securing My Future (SMF)- SMF is offered to girls in LA County Probation Camps Joseph Scott and Kenyon Scudder located in Santa Clarita and are designed to encourage self-reflection, attitude and behavior change and to provide specific documents and information the girls need for school, employment and meeting their conditions of probation.

For More Information Contact Jessica Gholson, Clinical Services Coordinator, 213-346-3292.

Moving Forward- Moving Forward is offered to girls immediately following incarceration. These six-month weekly educational series addresses the issues most pertinent to girls released from camp or juvenile hall. Topics include Anger Management, Job Readiness/Financial Literacy, and Reproductive Health. *Seeking Our Unlimited Lives (S.O.U.L)* is a component of Moving Forward that exposes girls to the expressive arts. Parents are invited to participate in weekly educational support groups that are intended to improve communication with their daughters.

For More Information Contact Byron Parker, Re-Entry Services Director, 213-346-3248.

Case Management- A minimum of 12 months of intensive case management services are provided to girls who are scheduled to enroll in Mentoring. Girls receive individual attention and are referred to counseling, housing, medical services, education opportunities and any other service necessary.

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Mentoring-The Mentoring Program provides 1:1 gender specific mentoring with girls, ages 14-18, involved with the LA County Department of Probation. The program provides structured, trusting relationships with adult volunteers who offer the girls guidance, support, and encouragement aimed at developing pro-social behaviors and competencies. These mentoring relationships help the girls develop skills and attitudes necessary to reduce their risk of recidivism.

For More Information Contact Kristen Parraz, Mentoring Program Director, 213-346-3276.

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COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Women's Speaker Series (WSS)- WSS provides a venue for professional women to share their knowledge and experience with local young women ages 12 - 25 years old. School groups, local organizations are encouraged to bring program participants to WSS. Workshops are free of charge, including a meal and take place quarterly with a female-only audience.

For More Information Contact us, 213-346-3270.

"I like coming to the program because I learn a lot about how to control my attitude and I've changed with my parents. I don't talk back like before." -Tania, 15

ADVOCACY

Girls & Gangs advocates to eliminate gender bias and bring awareness to issues facing young women involved with the juvenile justice system. We collaborate with several community partners including the Advisory Boards of the Violence Prevention Coalition and the Camps Scott/Scudder Pilot School Committee. We supported the creation of the **Community-Based Gang Intervention Model**. We assisted with the production of **Camp Scott Lock-Up**, a documentary on girls in the juvenile justice system, which was awarded the National Council on Crime and Delinquency PASS (Prevention for a Safer Society Award) in 2001 for "excellence in communicating the complex problems about crime to the American people" and was shown on MTV in 2001. Our latest **Advocacy Project** focuses on convening a Community Workgroup to develop Promising Practices for law enforcement in 2012 and hosting our first Girls & Gangs Summit in February 2013.

For More Information Contact Zoe Rawson, Advocacy Coordinator, 213-346-3248.

TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Our staff have a combined 60 years of experience working with girls involved in gangs and the juvenile justice system. We are available to provide training and technical assistance to your group on this critical issue. We have conducted trainings for the 2011 National Gang Conference and the LA County Gang/ Domestic Violence Conference, the Advancement Project, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Public Defender's Office, City of Los Angeles Attorney's Office, and more.

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